



2013 Massachusetts Trails Conference Funding for Trails



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Division of Conservation Services

- ▶ Administer multiple grant programs for EEA
- ▶ Governor Patrick's commitment to land protection
 - 100,000 acres of land protected
 - Over 150 parks built or renovated



Community Path, Somerville



PARC Grant Program

- ▶ Eligible applicant: municipalities
- ▶ Eligible projects:
 - Purchase parkland
 - Develop new public outdoor recreation facilities
 - Renovate existing municipal public parks



Jeep Jones Park, Boston

Secretary's Priorities

- ▶ Projects in Environmental Justice neighborhoods
- ▶ Brownfield projects
- ▶ New parks that increase community's park equity
- ▶ Parks accessible by non-vehicular transportation, including trails



Cambridge Common



PARC Program Requirements

- ▶ Applicant must have an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan
- ▶ Must have an authorized park/recreation commission and conservation commission
- ▶ Land must be dedicated to public park purposes and under custody of Park or Recreation Commission or Park Department



Cushing Park, Framingham



Important Program Facts

- ▶ Public participation in project selection and design, including outreach to Environmental Justice neighborhoods
- ▶ State assistance ranges from 52 to 70% of total project cost
- ▶ Maximum grant award is \$400,000



Lower Mill Pond Park, Easthampton



LAND Grant Program

- ▶ Eligible applicant:
municipal conservation
commissions
- ▶ Eligible projects:
 - Purchase conservation
land
 - Fee simple or
Conservation
Restriction



Windrush Farm, North Andover



Secretary's Priorities

- ▶ Landscape level protection
- ▶ Ecological resources
- ▶ OSRP and SCORP goals
- ▶ Public outdoor passive recreation
- ▶ Working lands
- ▶ Undevelopment



Holland Glen Forest, Belchertown

LAND Program Requirements

- ▶ Applicant must have an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan
- ▶ Applicant is the conservation commission
- ▶ Land must be dedicated to conservation purposes and be under custody of Conservation Commission
- ▶ Appraisal(s) required



Spectacle Pond Mill Site, Sandisfield

Important Program Facts

- ▶ State assistance ranges from 52 to 70% of total project cost
- ▶ Maximum grant award is \$400,000
- ▶ Land is for passive recreation purposes



Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette, Attleboro



Land and Water Conservation Fund

- ▶ Eligible applicants: municipalities and the Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Fish and Game
- ▶ Federal money from the National Park Service
- ▶ DCS administers the program for Massachusetts
- ▶ Can fund both recreation and conservation projects



Oak Bluffs, Sea View Park

Important LWCF Facts

- ▶ Reimbursement rate is 50%
- ▶ Projects must also be approved by the NPS
- ▶ All other LAND/PARC facts apply to LWCF as well



Whispering Hill Woods, Woburn

LWCF and Trails

- ▶ FY13 grant round allowed for development of trails on existing conservation and recreation properties
- ▶ Cannot reimburse for volunteer labor
- ▶ Can reimburse for supplies, trail markers, work completed by contractors
- ▶ For specific eligible reimbursement questions, please ask



Crawley Property, Plymouth



Conservation Partnership Grant Program

- ▶ Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) non-profits with environmental, conservation, or recreation purpose
- ▶ Eligible projects
 - Land acquisition for conservation and recreation
 - Due diligence expenses for gifts
 - Fee simple or Conservation Restriction projects are eligible



Berkshire Natural Resources Council, Hoosac Range/Caffrey



Conservation Partnership Program Facts

- ▶ Maximum grant award: \$85,000
- ▶ Reimbursement: 50% of total cost
- ▶ Application requires:
 - Commitment from municipal or state government entity (DCR or DFG) to hold CR
 - Appraisal(s)



Dudley Conservation Land Trust, Leovitch Landing, Oxford



Secretary's Priorities

- ▶ Water Resource Protection
- ▶ Landscape Protection
- ▶ Biodiversity and Natural Resource Protection
- ▶ Working Farms and Forests
- ▶ Recreational Opportunities



Arlington Land Trust, Elizabeth Island



Conservation Partnership Requirements

- ▶ Convey a CR to town or state agency
- ▶ Must retain an interest in the property – applicant cannot be used as a pass through
- ▶ Land must have public access and benefit
- ▶ Conservation and recreational use only



Nantucket Land Council, Muskeget Island

Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program

▶ Eligible applicants:

- Municipalities
- Public water systems
- Established by a state legislative act to provide drinking water infrastructure & services to the public

e.g. Fire Districts

Water Districts

▶ 3 project types:

1. Protect existing wells/intakes
2. Protect planned future wells/intakes
3. Groundwater recharge sites



DWSP Program Facts

- ▶ Maximum award: \$350,000
- ▶ Reimbursement rate: 50%
- ▶ Purchase land for public water supply protection
 - Fee simple
 - Conservation Restriction



Muir Meadows, Worcester DPWP

Evaluation Criteria

- ▶ Current resource management (how well is PWS addressing demand?)
- ▶ Location in identified drinking water supply protection areas
- ▶ Zoning
- ▶ Property size
- ▶ Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SWMI)
- ▶ Public recreation



Landscape Partnership Grant Program

- ▶ 500+ contiguous acres
- ▶ 2+ applicants from the following:
 - Municipalities
 - Land trusts
 - State/federal land agency



Brushy Mountain, Leverett & Shutesbury



Landscape Partnership Program Facts

- ▶ Eligible for funding:
 - Fee acquisition
 - CR/APR/WPR
- ▶ Maximum award: \$2 million
- ▶ 50% reimbursement



Sibley/Warner Farm, Spencer



DCS Grant Programs Important Dates

- ▶ LAND and PARC grant workshops
 - May 14, 2013 at 10:00 am in Boston
 - May 16, 2013 at 11:00 am in Amherst
- ▶ DWSP grant workshops
 - May 6, 2013 at 10:00 am in Worcester
 - May 6, 2013 at 2:00 pm in Springfield
- ▶ Grant deadlines:
 - LAND and PARC: July 17, 2013 at 3:00 pm
 - Conservation Partnership: July 22, 2013 at 3:00 pm
 - DWSP: July 31, 2013 at 5:00 pm
- ▶ See website for grant applications and other information



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